

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 19, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SIMMONS made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 275.]

The Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the memorial of Jeremiah Pendergast, present the following report thereon:

The petitioner was employed by the late Robert Mills, engineer and architect in charge of the construction of the extension of the Patent Office building, as a night watchman, to receive the same compensation, it is alleged, as that paid to other watchmen. He furnishes evidence that he received but one dollar and twenty-five cents per day for his services, extending from the 3d day of July, 1849, to the 30th day of April, 1851, while other watchmen were receiving one dollar and fifty cents per day until the approval of the act of Congress fixing the compensation at \$500 per annum, when they were paid at the latter rate. The petitioner asks Congress to give him the difference of pay between that received by others and that paid to himself. The service performed by him being the same as that performed by others, the committee think the petitioner is entitled to the same pay, and report a bill for that purpose.

